



Drake's Historical Footsteps Taken Thus Far

October 24, 1986, in Toronto, Ontario Sandra Graham birthed a son whom she named Aubrey Drake Graham. Today Drake, aka Drizzy, is an icon who no longer needs an introduction regardless of where he is in the world.

Drake, being a Canadian rapper, singer, songwriter, actor, producer, a Toronto Raptors courtside fanatic, and an entrepreneur, as a Buffalo, New Yorker its mandatory I show that Toronto/Buffalo connection some love with you being the golden child.

Having nothing but love for my Canadians, geographically, Toronto is an hour and a half from the Buffalo metropolitan area, and depending on your directions of travel Toronto is also a little more or less than two hours from the Detroit metropolitan area.

Undoubtedly, Toronto, Buffalo, and Detroit are all thriving cities who are heavily intertwined with one another to this very day. In fact, the back and forth commutes are made daily.

Drizzy, as a grinder myself I would like to encourage everyone to take a brief moment to fully appreciate your body of work, which is literally second to none name for name.

Living in the global spotlight now propelling effortlessly building a historical resume of accolades along the way, I find it easiest to center my admirations around your platinum statuses, and your overall body of work, detailed in the following timeline:

2006

Drake's intent on pursuing a career in music he left an on-air acting career with the television series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

2007

Drake debuted his mixtape *Room for Improvement*. He then followed with two independent projects, *Comeback Season* and *So Far Gone*.

The above-mentioned releases were an introduction to Drake's vision and accomplishments well before signing to Lil Wayne's Young Money Entertainment in June 2009.

Also, before signing to Young Money while on the *Tha Carter III* tour, Drake and Lil Wayne recorded multiple songs together including *Ransom*, *I Want This Forever*, and a remix to *Brand New*.

2010

Drake released his debut studio album *Thank Me Later*, which debuted at number one on the U.S. Billboard 200 and was soon certified platinum status.

His next two releases, 2011's *Take Care* and 2013's *Nothing Was the Same* were critically and commercially successful. *Take Care* earned him his first Grammy Award for Best Rap Album.





2015

Drake released two mixtapes the trap-influenced *If You're Reading This It's Too Late* and a collaboration with Future titled *What a Time to Be Alive* both of which earned platinum status certification in the U.S.

2016

Drake's fourth album *Views* broke several chart records. The dancehall-influenced album sat atop the Billboard 200 for 13 nonconsecutive weeks, becoming the first album by a male solo artist to do so in over 10 years. The album's second single, *One Dance*, topped the charts in several countries and became his first number-one single as a lead artist.

Drake also led both the Billboard Hot 100 and the Billboard 200 charts simultaneously for eight weeks.

Views achieved quadruple platinum status in the U.S. and earned over 1 million album-equivalent units in the first week of its release. Its lead single *Hotline Bling* peaked at number two on the Hot 100 and received Grammy Awards for Best Rap/Sung Performance and Best Rap Song.

2017

Drake released the mixtape *More Life* and it became his seventh consecutive number one on the Billboard 200, and set multiple streaming records.

2018

Drake released the double album *Scorpion*, which also broke several streaming records, and housed the Grammy Award-winning number-one single *God's Plan*, and the bounce-infused number ones *Nice for What* and *In My Feelings*.

In addition, Drake holds several other Billboard chart records. He has the most charted songs (186) among solo artists in the history of the Billboard Hot 100, the most simultaneously charted Hot 100 songs in a single week (27), the most time on the Hot 100 (431 weeks) and the most Hot 100 debuts in a week (22). He also has the most number one singles on the Hot Rap Songs, Hot R&B/Hip Hop Airplay and Rhythmic Charts. Drake has also won three Juno Awards, six American Music Awards, and now twenty-seven total Billboard Music Awards.

Now resides amongst the world best selling music artists, with more than 20 million albums and 100 million singles sold globally, Drake is ranked by the Recording Industry Association of America as the world's highest certified digital singles artist.

As an entrepreneur, Drake has founded the OVO Sound record label with longtime collaborator 40 and has created a clothing line and alcoholic beverage.

2019

At the Billboard Music Awards (BBMA), Drake took home 12 BBMAs, breaking BBMA's all-time records. In total Drake now has 27 BBMAs, which makes Drizzy the BBMA's top award winner in BBMA's history.

The 12 BBMAs Drake Won In 2019 Were

Top Artist, Top Male Artist, Top Billboard 200 Artist, Top Hot 100 Artist, Top Streaming Songs Artist, Top Song, Sales Artist, Top Rap Artist, Top Rap Male Artist, Top Billboard 200 Album, Top Rap Album & Top Streaming Song (video).





Therefore, be it social media or anywhere else when you think of Drake, regardless if you hate him, like him, or love him, we are witnessing history.

Drake in closing, not only does the **Oyez22** family welcome you, clearly my brother when it comes to your platinum status and your overall career accomplishments, both your vision and your grind are certified.

In fact, Drake your historical footsteps taken thus far already justify why you are a true definition of *open your eyes*.

For more on Drake, Google Aubrey Drake Graham.

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